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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Previous Examiner:

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Previous Group Art Unit:

Serial No.:

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Irvine, CA 92614

For:

A PROCESSOR FOR EXECUTING
INSTRUCTIONS IN UNITS THAT ARE
UNRELATED TO THE UNITS IN WHICH
INSTRUCTIONS ARE READ, AND A

COMPILER, AN OPTIMIZATION APPARATUS, AN ASSEMBLER, A LINKER, A DEBUGGER AND A DISASSEMBLER FOR SUCH PROCESS October 19, 2001

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits of the above-identified application, please enter the following amendments:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the following paragraph before the paragraph beginning on page 1, after line 5:

-- This divisional application of U.S. Serial No. 09/301,284, filed on April 28, 1999.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-11, 28-32 and 45-48 without prejudice.

REMARKS

The present application is a divisional application of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/301,284 and resulted from a restriction requirement.

It is requested that the references cited in the prosecution of the parent application be considered in the prosecution of this divisional application, and accordingly copies of the references cited in the parent application are attached hereto with a form PTO 1449. The relevance of those references was set forth in the prosecution of U.S. Serial No. 09/301,284.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview will help further the prosecution of this case, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the listed telephone number.

Very truly yours,

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